

GOAL DOWN IN 60 SECONDS, WYCOMBE RECOVER TO BEAT BROMLEY

Sports Mail Special Report

ALTHOUGH a goal down in the first minute, a drastically-re-shuffled Wycombe Wanderers fought back to defeat the Isthmian League leaders 4-2 at Bromley this afternoon.

Bromley: Price; Dunmall, Norman; Marshall, Joyce, Nelson; Hall, Moore, Sheekles, Studley, Hill.

Wycombe Wanderers: K. Brown; M. Brown, Moring; Truett, Fisher, Weaver; Rockell, Trott, Bates; Howson; Free.

Referee: H J Gould.

The confident Bromley forwards had a 60-second goal to spur them on. With Michael Brown beaten on the right wing, SHECKLES took Studley's pass and gave goalkeeper Ken Brown no chance with an angled ground shot.

As Wycombe settled down, young Free beat the veteran Dunmall with encouraging ease only to centre behind his forwards.

Bromley's speed on the ball exposed gaps in the Wycombe defence and Fisher headed one

dangerous shot out of the goal-mouth, before the nippy Hall twice blazed just wide.

A brilliant burst by Studley made Brown leap like a cat to save.

A great goal by HOWSON in the 22nd minute put Wycombe's tails up. He finished a Bates-Rockell movement with a pinpointed header.

No quarter was being asked or given with keen tackling by both sides. First Marshall of Bromley and then Wycombe's Weaver were treated for knocks.

As Bromley swept back the long legs of Fisher deflected a shot just wide of the posts.

FORWARDS LIVELY

The lively Wycombe forwards were taking some controlling. Howson particularly showing some dazzling touches.

Just on the half-hour, after Howson had sent Price diving to save, TROTT headed a beautiful goal from Truett's centre. Bates left Joyce standing with a dummy swerve and sent in a 30-yarder on the run, which Price just saved.

As the Wanderers' defence tightened, Wycombe were good value for their lead and they nearly scored another when Joyce, under pressure, rolled the ball just wide of his own goal-post.

Half-time: Bromley 1, Wycombe Wanderers 2.

The irrepressible HOWSON, seizing a pass from Weaver, volleyed a terrific drive past Price to put Wanderers 3-1 up.

Wanderers captain, Jimmy Mooring, cleared his lines when the Wanderers' goal had two marvellous escapes.

First Studley smashed a free kick against the crossbar and then Michael Brown headed away a brave try by the injured Marshall. This effort sent Marshall limping off the field.

FISHER SAVES

Fisher's head saved Wanderers on countless occasions as Bromley crammed on every ounce of effort.

The Bromley challenge was punctured by a shock Wycombe goal, ROCKALL calmly tapping home a Bates pass after an innocent looking movement.

A late penalty by HALL ended the scoring.

RESULT:

BROMLEY 2
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 4